

Regional Contributions by Mesa State College Faculty and Staff

Service on Community Boards

Tyre Bush (Admissions) — serves on the Mesa County Tobacco Education Council.

Jill Cordova (Human Performance and Wellness) — serves on the board of Colorado Discover Ability, a local organization offering individuals with disabilities the opportunity to participate in outdoor sports.

Jack Delmore (Music) — is currently a member of the Grand Junction Commission on the Arts which oversees selection, installation, and funding of art in Grand Junction as well as the funding of numerous community, District 51, and private artists.

Jill Eckardt (Housing) — is completing her three-year term on the Grand Junction Visitor and Convention Bureau Board.

Karen Ford (Psychology) — served as the President of the Rocky Mountain Psychological Association.

Gordon Gilbert (Physics) — serves on the Board of Directors of the Grand Junction Symphony.

Tom Graves (Psychology) — was appointed by two governors to represent Western Colorado on the State Board for Licensed Professional Counselors.

Bill Haggerty (Mass Communications) — has served on the board of directors for the Grand Valley Audubon Society.

Peter Ivanov (Theatre) — served seven years on the Grand Junction Commission for Arts and Culture and, for one year, served as the commission's chair.

Ben Keefer (Extended Campus) — serves on the Montrose Economic Development Corporation Board of Directors, Montrose Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors, Western Colorado Palliative Care Delta/Montrose Advisory Board, and the State of Colorado Library Advisory Board.

Nancy Kosmicke (Academic Services) — is Vice President for Programs of the Grand Junction chapter of the American Association of University Women.

Carrie McVean-Waring (Biological Sciences) — is a board member of the Redlands Mosquito Control District.

Janine Rider (English) — is one of only two persons from Western Colorado on the Board of Directors of the Colorado Endowment for the Humanities.

Wayne Smith (Culinary Arts) — is president of the Western Slope chapter of the Colorado Restaurant Association.

Deborah Snider (Teacher Education/Art) — is one of two elected higher education representatives on the Colorado Art Education Council.

Becky Wolford (Montrose Campus) — has served as District Ten Treasurer for Altrusa International, Inc for the four-state region of Colorado, New Mexico, Wyoming, Utah and is President-Elect for Altrusa International, Inc. of Montrose.

Contributions to the Region's K-12 Schools

Andres Aslan (Geology) — makes presentations each year at Tope Elementary as part of Earth Science Week.

Julie Barak (English) — shared her expertise about Kenya with Scenic Elementary and Redlands Middle School classes.

Cathy Barkley (Teacher Education) — makes presentations on the mathematics of the Maya in local elementary schools.

Michael Baron (Music) — performed for public school students in Grand Junction, Montrose, and Paonia.

Bruce Bauerle (Biological Sciences) — gives numerous talks and presentations at schools and retirement homes in the Grand Valley.

Steven Bradley (Art) — judged high school art competition for Meeker High School.

Esther Broughton (English) — has given writing lessons to 5th graders at Holy Family School, judged high school essays for the Mesa State High School Writing Conference, and meets regularly with District 51 teachers who mentor MSC students in the Methods of Teaching Secondary English course.

Paula Casey (Speech) — volunteers weekly at Appleton Elementary and the Dual Immersion Academy and is a district volunteer with the Art Heritage program.

Tony Coppola (Dance) — has offered several in-service training seminars for District 51 teachers.

Richard Cowden (Theatre) — hosts visits by school groups to MSC productions and facilitates tours, seminars, and talk-back sessions for productions (e.g., will host groups from Bookcliff Middle School and Greeley West High School for “Tommy”).

Maria Cuthbert (Foreign Languages) — taught a free French course to three middle-school students during the summer of 2002 and delivered a free six-month English course to 20 Spanish-speaking adults in 2004 at St. Joseph’s Church old school building.

Linda Drexel (Academic Affairs) — has served as a college coach for three to five high school seniors through the Daniels Fund for the past two years, helping students in the application process, identifying a major, interviewing techniques, and answering financial aid questions.

Forbes Davidson (Biological Sciences) — served as co-director of the Western Colorado Science Fair since its initial competition.

Carlos Elias (Music) — coaches sectionals in the local high schools numerous times a year, with at least 40 participants per session, and performs each year for over 500 students in area elementary schools.

Keith Fritz (Human Performance and Wellness) — implemented a physical education program for approximately 30 – 55 home-schooled students of Mesa County, with Mesa State students teaching classes under his supervision.

Gordon Gilbert (Physics) — works with students in elementary schools, such as Scenic and Tope, several times a year.

Chad Grabow (Computer Information Systems) — has developed a computer-based system for loading and monitoring student assessments requirements for District 51.

Kurt Haas (English) — was a question reader (a la Alex Trebek) for the Central High School Knowledge Bowl, which had about 150 participants from around the state and presented a workshop on Chaucer pronunciation for an English Literature class at Central High School.

Calvin Hofer (Music) — serves as a clinician for most of the high school bands in the region— Montezuma-Cortez, Delta, Paonia, Ranglely, Steamboat Springs, Rifle, Glenwood Springs and all high schools in Grand Junction—and performs in the elementary schools with the Faculty Brass Quintet for more than 500 students.

Peter Ivanov (Theatre) — taught a Shakespeare class for teens and at-risk youth at the Performing Arts Conservatory and choreographed all stage fencing for “Romeo and Juliet” at Fruita Monument High School.

Phillip Kavanagh (Mathematics) — is Affiliate Director of the Colorado Space Grant Program where he is liaison to K-12 teachers and the general public to engage students of all ages in mathematics, physics, space science, and engineering.

Al Learst (English) — conducts a writing workshop with 7th graders at East Middle School and has worked on the college’s high school writing conference since 1999.

Richard Livaccari (Geology) — makes regular presentations on rocks and minerals to Tope Elementary School students.

Warren MacEvoy (Computer Science) — offered week-long Robotics Summer Workshops at Wingate Elementary, introducing students to Robotics, using LEGO Mindstorm kits as well as making mathematics presentations at Wingate Elementary and Redland’s Middle School.

Gary McCallister (Biological Sciences) — has given talks at schools and worked with local teachers on science education and the use of Logo Robotics in learning science.

John Nizalowski (English) — has been the director of the Mesa State Writing Conference, which has offered writing workshops for hundreds of Western Slope high school students since 1995.

Vincent Patarino (History) — initiated the first History Day in the region and involved students and faculty from eight regional high schools.

Gigi Richard (Geology) — made presentations in Tope Elementary, and Deep River School of Expeditionary Learning (Middle and High School) where she provides expertise and support materials for teachers for their expedition on rivers.

Gayla Jo Slauson (Computer Information Systems) — served on the District 51 Technology Committee for two years and provided > 50 hours of training in Microsoft Excel and Access for teachers in the school district during summers 2002 and 2003.

John Sluder (Technology Integration) — is an Intel Master Teacher I and has managed the training of more than 180 teachers in Mesa County School District 51 in Utilizing Technology in their Classroom.

Deborah Snider (Teacher Education/Art) — is planning an annual symposium in art education for the Western Slope of Colorado, after co-chairing a major conference in 2002 that served 85 art educators from 22 Western Slope communities.

William Tiernan (Physics) — as advisor of Society of Physics Students (SPS), sponsored an egg-launch competition for ten regional teams of high school students held at Bergman Field in November 2003.

Steve Werman (Biological Sciences) — made numerous presentations on amphibians and reptiles in local schools.

Sue Woodworth (Theatre) — worked with 15 speech programs last year, using parent volunteers, to identify children with self esteem problems.

Marilyn Wounded Head (Art) — has worked with Girls Inc. to create a series of activities to build self esteem of middle school girls, such as a “Carving and Construction Sculpture” class, which entered the Museum of Outdoor Arts competition and subsequently collaborated with New Emerson School on a school sculpture.

Sue Yeager (Human Performance and Wellness) — has her Methods of Folk and Square Dance (HPWA 220) class teach twice during the semester at Lincoln Park Elementary school, involving approximately 50 children.

Regional Research

Andres Aslan (Geology) — is a member of Grand Valley Selenium Task Force and has been awarded a grant of \$15,000 by the Bureau of Land Management to conduct a study with five students on the geology of Sieber Canyon, in the Colorado Canyons National Conservation Area.

Cathy Barkley (Teacher Education) — specializes in ethnomathematics, the connections of mathematics and cultures, which locally includes the study of mathematical coding of Ute beadwork from local museums in Western Colorado and the solstice/equinox marker of the Fremont in Pintado Canyon.

Bruce Bauerle (Biological Sciences) — assists the Colorado Department of Wildlife on the moose release project.

Christian Buys (Psychology) — produced many books that include pictorial histories of Colorado and of Aspen, Telluride, Leadville, and Aspen.

Rex Cole (Geology) — is involved in field research (GPS mapping) to determine the outcrop dimensions of fluvial sand bodies in the lower Williams Fork Formation near Palisade, with the published results used by natural gas companies active in Mesa, Delta and Garfield Counties.

Adele Cummings (Sociology) — involved students in a community survey of opinions about environmental issues.

Rick Dujay (Biological Sciences) — works closely with the Museum of Western Colorado as a forensics consultant and co-investigator.

Kristen Hague (English) — is researching Isabella Bird, a British writer who traveled the Colorado Rockies in 1873, and has just submitted a paper on her to the *Journal of the Museum of Western Colorado*.

Larry Jones (Geology) — is researching the Morrison Formation in eastern Utah and gives geological tours.

Tamera Minnick (Environmental Restoration) — received an \$11,086 grant from the National Park Service to explore the best method to restore ecologically-damaged areas and was funded for \$10,000 to research restoration techniques for cheatgrass-dominated areas at the Colorado Canyons National Conservation area.

Jerry Moorman (Business) — performed citizen-based research of Mesa County, Grand Junction, and Montrose households and, for the City of Montrose, a comprehensive marketing plan for the Pavilion, and an examination of the distribution of economic development funds by the city.

Maureen Neal (English) — served as the “scholar” for a national American Library Association project through the Mesa County library (one of only 40 libraries nation-wide to receive ALA funding for this project) called “National Connections” that involved teaching classic literature to adults who are just learning to read.

John Nizalowski (English) — has written about the Western Slope and his writings have been widely published, including journalistic pieces, personal essays, and research articles on Colorado authors Frank Waters and David Lavender.

Gigi Richard (Geology) — researched the flash flooding in the Colorado National Monument and the historic stability and impact of the changing morphology on native fish of the Yampa River in Moffat County.

Tony Schountz (Biological Sciences) — is conducting research on Hanta virus with the Saccomanno Research Institute.

Steven Schulte (History) — discussed his book about Wayne Aspinall, popular Western Slope Congressman and the water issues so crucial to the region, with students in several schools in the region.

Gene Starbuck (Sociology) — involved students in a community survey of opinions about environmental issues.



Brenda Wilhelm (Sociology) — involved students in a community survey of opinions about environmental issues.

Russell Walker (Environmental Restoration) — works with North Fork River Improvement Association to generate, manage, and interpret stream monitoring data and is funded for \$20,000 from the Colorado Division of Minerals and Geology to design and oversee closures for mine sites near Gateway.

Service to the Region

Thomas Acker (Foreign Languages) — served as a discussion leader on the Mesa County Reads project.

Nancy Angle (Mathematics) — volunteers weekly at the Community Homeless Shelter as part of the Winter Emergency Shelter program.

Monte Atkinson (Music) — directs the semi-professional Western Colorado Chorale, providing concerts of music for the area for choir and orchestra as well as serves as guest conductor, clinician and adjudicator for choral festivals and solo and ensemble events throughout the West.

Ellie Baldwin (Teacher Education) — works with the Colorado Discover Ability program at Powderhorn.

Julie Barak (English) — presented two lectures at the Museum of Western Colorado for 30 people.

Michael Baron (Music) — is a principal performer and on the Board of Directors of the Western Slope Chamber Music Series and performs 12-15 times annually for this series in Grand Junction, Montrose, and Paonia reaching approximately 3,000 audience members, and gives regular master classes and lecture recitals throughout the region.

Susan Becker (Psychology) — served on the Program Evaluation Research Project for Family Health West's Main Street Alzheimer's Care Unit.

Richard Berkey (English) — does volunteer editing work for Bureau of Land Management firefighters and field managers and edited an informational booklet for the dedication of a new paleontological interpretive trail in Fruita.

Ed Bonan-Hamada (Mathematics) — serves on the Member Advisory Committee for Western Rockies Federal Credit Union.

Catherine Bonan-Hamada (Mathematics) — is a member of Delta Kappa Gamma Honor Society International which raises money for a scholarship for a female student studying teacher education at Mesa State.

Steven Bradley (Art) — planned a major outdoor Grand Valley art fair for fall 2004 and raised \$10,000 in sponsorships for the event as Director of the Art Center.

Morgan Bridge (Business) — was one of four invited speakers at the Carbondale Chamber of Commerce Economic Symposium, speaking on the national economic forecast for the next 12 months and presented the Best Session paper entitled, "Higher Education Economic Impact Studies: Accurate Measures of Economic Impact?" at the International Business and Economics Research Conference.

Kim Burtard (Library) — volunteers with Habitat for Humanity by serving as a construction team member and fundraising volunteer.

Tyre Bush (Admissions) — volunteers for the American Cancer Society and Habitat for Humanity.

Nancy Conklin (Academic Services) — provides technical assistance in the area of assistive technology to the Center for Independence.

Tony Coppola (Dance) — directed and participated in the Summer Dance Festival that involved young dancers from the Western Slope, as well as from around the country, and offers the free project "Rhythkiddz" to younger children in the community.

Jill Cordova (Human Performance and Wellness) — donates approximately 100 hours serving 200 local children and adults with disabilities as part of the Colorado Discover Ability, a local organization offering individuals with disabilities the opportunity to participate in outdoor sports, and works in support of National Disabled Veterans Winter Sports Clinic, spending some 200 hours each year and serving more than 300 disabled veterans.

David Cox (Theatre) — was recognized for contributions as an "Up in the Clouds" sponsor for sponsoring the Mesa Youth production of "Fiddler on the Roof" which served nearly 100 young people, ages 4 to 18, from across the Grand Valley with audience attendance exceeding 1,100.

Richard Cowden (Theatre) — is appearing with the Symphony this year as both the narrator of the annual children's concert and as Alfred in their production of Strauss's "Die Fledermaus."

Beverly Craddock (Institutional Advancement) — designed Habitat for Humanity's billboard and provides marketing consultation for the R-5 Ski Swap.

Laurena Mayne Davis (Mass Communications) — oversaw the production of the 2004 Kids Voting voter guide which was written, edited and designed by Mesa State College student journalists and was distributed in *The Daily Sentinel* in October.

Jack Delmore (Music) — is a member of the Western Colorado Chorale and is frequently a soloist with this group when called upon as well as a soloist with the Grand Junction Symphony Orchestra.

Jeanne Durr (Human Resources) — was Co-Chair of the Colorado Mountain Winefest in 2004.

Carlos Elias (Music) — is concertmaster of the Grand Junction Symphony.

Byron Evers (Mass Communications) — produced an issue of Horizon magazine, focusing on volunteer organizations such as Foster Grandparents, Humane Society, Directors of Volunteers in Agencies, and Red Cross.

Heather Exby (Regional Programming) — volunteers in area schools for four hours a week and for two hours a week through Rotary.

Suzie Garner (Art) — coordinates student internships with businesses and non-profits in Grand Junction and Western Slope communities including Kiwanis, United Way, Grand Valley Transit, Mesa County Tobacco Education Coalition and the Downtown Grand Junction Association.

Chad Grabow (Computer Information Systems) — has developed computer systems for Partners of Mesa County and developed multiple systems and support for the One-on-One Program and managed other similar programs; placing students in paying positions while helping the non-profits.

Kurt Haas (English) — adapted Archibald Macleish's play J.B. and directed a dramatic reading for the Crossroads United Methodist Church for three performances that served about 150 people.

Charles Hardy (Art) — works closely with the educational program of the Western Colorado Center for the Arts and is active in many valley-wide events and organizations.

Tim Hatten (Business) — was instrumental in developing the 2004 Western Colorado Venture Forum and served as a panelist that reviewed four Western Slope entrepreneurial business plans.

Jane Heitman (Library) — has presented three programs on creativity, the program "Using Poetry to Foster Literacy" to three groups, and volunteered three hours per week in the children's center of Mesa County Public Library.

Calvin Hofer (Music) — is a principal trumpet with the Grand Junction Symphony.

Deborah Hoefer (College Center) — is involved in the Grand Junction Chamber of Commerce Leadership program.

Jeanine Howe (Theatre) — was one of two adjudicators for the statewide conference of the Colorado Community Theatre Coalition in Aspen this summer, adjudicating 12 shows from around the state in four days as well as conducting workshops.

Darin Kamstra (Music) — directs the MSC Jazz Combo, which performs two or more concerts at community venues each semester, participates in the KAFM community radio fund drive by volunteering his services performing with the combo "Jazz City", and is a principal percussionist with the Grand Junction Symphony.

Gig Leadbetter (Human Performance and Wellness) — attends many local health fairs with students, conducting health screenings, blood pressure measurements, and various other health tests for the general population.

Richard Livaccari (Geology) — co-authored with Rex Cole the "Geological map of Colorado National Monument and adjacent areas, Mesa County, Colorado" which serves to educate the general public on the geology of the Monument and is a top seller at the CNM Visitors' Center.

Luis Lopez (English) — has given poetry workshops and readings at high schools and libraries in Paonia, Delta, Montrose, Ouray and Ridgeway combined, Glenwood Springs, and Avon, and done readings in Telluride and at the Botanical Garden's monthly outdoor concerts for approximately 100-150 attendees.

Warren MacEvoy (Computer Science) — directed the regional competition for Arizona, Utah, Colorado, Wyoming, Eastern Nevada, Idaho, Montana, New Mexico, Alberta and Saskatchewan for the members of the Association for Computing Machinery.

Curt Martin (Financial Aid) — offers presentations on paying for college to high schools and organizations.

Betsy McLoughlin (Foreign Languages) — gave a talk on Women Writers in Spanish (Spain and Latin America) and a presentation on the Day of the Dead—El día de los muertos at the public library, has been active in the Latin Anglo Alliance, and donated a portion of the proceeds from an art showing to LAA.

Betsy McNair (Institutional Advancement) — is a member of the Mesa County Communications Officers

Association, a group that advances the communications field and volunteers services to local non-profit organizations.

Carrie McVean-Waring (Biological Sciences) — volunteers in the Feral Cat Program in Grand Junction by performing spay/neuter surgeries when cats are captured by animal control.

Prasanta Misra (Physics) — hosts the weekly Physics Seminar that is open to the public and organizes various student functions such as Nerdapalooza, egg-drop contest, and physics and chemistry demonstrations.

Laverne Mosher (Art) — instructed his foundry/bronze classes in the creation of sculptures as liaison projects for Redlands and Mt. Garfield Middle Schools and Wingate and Columbus Elementary Schools and commissions from numerous local organizations.

Vicky Moyle (Mathematics) — counsels arts and education organizations such as the Western Colorado Association for Gifted and Talented and the Counseling and Education Center for low-income and uninsured clients.

Steve Murray (Human Performance and Wellness) — works with the Mesa County Health Department by serving on their Leadership Team and writing a monthly column about health care for the Business Times of Western Colorado.

Dana Nunn (Applied Technology) — has served on the board of the Mesa County Business Education Foundation for two years and has been a volunteer with the Mesa County Sheriff's Department as a victim advocate for seven years.

Carolyn Quinn-Hensley (Art) — exhibited work at the Western Colorado Center for the Arts in April 2004, organized an Advisory Committee for the Graphic Art program, and organized the Graphic Design in Western Colorado exhibit that showcased the work of professional designers.

Gary Rader (Computer Science) — provided copies of his music score editing program "MusicEase" to several District 51 elementary and high school music teachers and is in the process of providing his program "The MusicEase Traditional Songbook" to 20 district teachers.

Janine Rider (English) — is on the steering committee for Mesa County Reads and has contributed over 100 hours as a discussion leader for four different events.

Cheryl Roy (Nursing) — originated and coordinates the Sexual Assault Nurse Examiners (SANE) Program of Mesa County that provides medical, psychological, and legal support for adult and child victims of sexual assault, resulting in a 100% increase in conviction rates.

Robert Ryan (Human Performance and Wellness) — serves on the Health and Safety Committee and volunteers as an instructor and an instructor-trainer for the Western Colorado chapter of the American Red Cross.

Ann Sanders (Dance) — took seven students to participate in an original dance, "Unresolved," for an audience of 400 at the historic Wheeler Opera House as part of Aspen's Winter Delight concert sponsored by the Aspen Dance Connection.

Bette Schans (Radiologic Sciences) — offered seminars in Aspen, Glenwood, Rifle, Rangely, Grand Junction, Delta, Montrose, Ouray and other towns in the region for radiation technologists required to earn continuing education units.

Luis Silva-Villar (Foreign Languages) — served as a discussion leader on the Mesa County Reads project.

Hasson Tavossi (Physics) — served as a judge at the Western Colorado Science Fair for the ASM International Foundation and the International Society of Optical Engineering Awards.

William Tiernan (Physics) — is designing and building a low temperature cryostat that involves students from the physics program of Mesa State.

Richard Vail (Business) — facilitated a discussion session at the Mesa County Strategic Development Forum and participated in the Mesa County Workforce Center September Symposium.

Erik van de Boogaard (Facilities Services) — serves as musician, cantor, youth choir co-director, Finance Committee Vice President, and Building and Long Range Planning Committee member at St. Joseph Church.

Patti Ward (Radiologic Sciences) — offered seminars in Aspen, Glenwood, Rifle, Rangely, Grand Junction, Delta, Montrose, Ouray and other towns in the region for radiation technologists required to earn continuing education units.

Mayela Vallejos-Ramirez (Foreign Languages) — served as a discussion leader on the Mesa County Reads project.

Steve Werman (Biological Sciences) — has been a consultant for the Audubon sanctuary project, the United States Fish and Wildlife Service's boreal toad project, and the Mesa County Coroner's Office.

Marilyn Wounded Head (Art) — has been a guest speaker about tribal government, Lakota culture, and art.

Bill Wright (English) — organizes the Writers for Hunger reading every November (75 people), giving the proceeds (canned goods and monies) to the Local Food Bank.